



***Chosen, Royal, and Holy:
Living as God's People
in Exile.***

*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:
Inwardly Strong
and
Outwardly Focused.*

**AUGUST 1, 2021
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians, who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, and walk out the door, and deny him with their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

Brennan Manning

Called as children of light, Christians are free. Their freedom, however, binds them to their calling. They are free in bondage to Christ.

Edmund Clowney

The Prelude

Come People of the Risen King

Worship Team

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise, come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart; one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night; come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith; come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

The Welcome

The Call to Worship (From Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its
waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its
tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Therefore, let us stand in honor!

And let us worship God!

◆ **The Hymn** 260 A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Jason Pugh, Trustee

The First Reading Galatians 5:13-25

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Almighty and Everlasting Father, we come before you seeking forgiveness and restoration. You alone know the depth of our sin. You alone know our deep need for you. You have set us free by the blood of Christ, yet we use that freedom to serve our own desires and passions instead of serving you. You have given us your Spirit to guide, comfort, and convict of sin, but we harden our hearts and allow ourselves to be guided by the wisdom and the delights of this world. Lord, hear us as we cry out to you! Forgive us our sin and continue your work of sanctification in our lives. This we ask in Jesus' name...*(In silence)*

The Response to Confession Boldly I Approach

By grace alone, somehow I stand where even angels fear to tread; invited by redeeming love, before the throne of God above. He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands, into His everlasting arms.

When condemnation grips my heart and Satan tempts me to despair, I hear the voice that scatters fear; The Great I Am, The Lord, is here. O praise the One who fights for me and shields my soul eternally.

Boldly I approach Your throne; blameless now, I'm running home; by Your blood I come, welcomed as Your own, into the arms of Majesty.

Behold the bright and risen Son, more beauty than this world has known; I'm face to face with Love Himself; His perfect spotless righteousness. A thousand years, a thousand tongues are not enough to sing His praise. *Refrain*

The Assurance of Pardon (Hebrews 10:19-22)

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Response of Gratitude** The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

The Time with the Children

The Hymn of Preparation 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

ASSURANCE

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2:11-12

The Sermon The Church's Witness in Exile Rev. Dan Hutchinson
Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. (1 Peter 2:12)

The Anthem I Will Bless the Lord Charles Yannerella

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be on my lips. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and bless His holy name. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. *Psalm 34:1-3*

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn** 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL'S STORY

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude Improvisation on the tune EIN' FESTE BURG

◆ Please Stand

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to First Church Tulsa. We gather to exalt Jesus, receive His Spirit, and serve in His name. A warm welcome to each one who might be among us for the first time. May you sense the presence of Christ and the warm embrace of His Church!

Next week, and for the summer months, our Sunday worship includes four weekly services:

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Also broadcast on ***Livestream.com***, our ***Facebook*** page,
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa

Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa

11:00 a.m. – Tulsa International Fellowship Worship - Great Hall

(See above for Livestream and Facebook links.)

5:00 p.m. – Vespers – Camp Loughridge

(Regular Sunday Evening Worship)

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John Campbell, given by Linda Campbell.

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of First Church! Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at *firstchurchtulsa.org* or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

Some hospitals are now open for visitors –but we may not know if you or someone you love is hospitalized. Please notify the church if there is a pastoral need, change of address/phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or *kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, Billy Boyd, Pat Brown, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Luke Fravel, Caroline Fravel Jones, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, David Osterholt, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jan Miller, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Dayne Weierbach, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Steve Tollett, a member since 1978, died on July 18.

First Church Updates

We're glad to welcome each of you in worship this morning! If you're new to First Church, please feel free to participate in any of the events offered below.

Summer Swim at Camp Loughridge, Sundays through August 29 from 1:45 – 5:00 p.m., join us for summer swim followed by Vespers at 5:00 p.m.

Visit the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: First Presbyterian Church Chronicles which will be displayed in the Atrium today through September 8. For more information go to Archives@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Thank you! First Church generously donated 300 pairs of shoes for our Shoe Drive! These shoes will be distributed to the homeless through the First Baptist Caring Center.

Young Adult Community Nights are happening throughout the summer on Monday nights. Join us for fellowship and fun! More details can be found at *Young Adult Ministries @FPC* on Facebook or by contacting Elizabeth DeVore at eldevore7@gmail.com, 918-728-5327.

FPC University Ministries: Join us at *Gather* this Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for community, fun, and food. Follow us at [@ukirktulsa](https://www.instagram.com/ukirktulsa) for location.

FPC will once again be a host site for the Global Leadership Summit this Thursday, August 5 and Friday, August 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Take advantage of this wealth of leadership insights from world-class faculty ready to equip and inspire you as a leader with influence. Visit the church website to register: firstchurchtulsa.org/events or Contact Betty Price for more details at 918-301-1039 or bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1039.

Petra Kids Ministries annual fundraising dinner and auction is being held on Saturday, August 21 in Stephenson Hall, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. This year's theme, *Rooted*, focuses on all PKM has achieved and what the future holds with your help. Join us in person for dinner and fellowship where you can bid on more than 50 items. For more information or to make reservations go to <https://bit.ly/PKMRooted>.

Start practicing for the return of the Annual Ping Pong Tournament and Cookout on Sunday, August 22 following the 11:00 a.m. service. All ages may participate. This event will kick off the signups for the Lunch Buddy mentoring program for our Masterwork Academy partner school: Anderson Elementary. To register for the event, or for more details about becoming a Lunch Buddy, visit the registration desk in the Atrium, visit the church calendar on the website, contact Betty Price at 918-301-1039/bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org or click the link below.

Getty concert tickets are on sale now! On Tuesday, September 28, we welcome back internationally known Christian musicians Keith and Kristyn Getty and their concert tour: "Christ Our Hope". We're thrilled to share this musical outreach with the larger Tulsa community. Get the early bird discount until August 15. For more information and tickets go to www.firstchurchtulsa.org/getty21.



Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? The Inquirers Class is an opportunity to learn more about the church and what we believe while meeting others on the same journey. Please join us with your questions on Sundays, August 8-29 from 9:15 to 10:40 a.m. For more information, please contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org, 918 301-1028, online at firstchurchtulsa.org/inquirers21 or use this QR code below.





SAVE THE DATE

August 5-6	Global Leadership Summit
August 22	Ping Pong Tournament and Cookout
September 20	2021 Matson Cup Golf Tournament
September 28	Getty Concert
October 17	Ron Pearson Organ Concert

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Covenanters	<i>Lies My Preacher Told Me</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Symbol or Substance?</i>	Prayer Room
Reflections	<i>The God Who Knows Your Name</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Hymnology</i>	E204
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>Book of James</i>	E202

On Site and Zoom:

The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Acts</i>	E100
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 8/1/21

8:30 a.m.	Worship, Stephenson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Gatherings and Classes
11:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary and Great Hall
5:00 p.m.	Vespers, Camp Loughridge

Wednesday 8/4/21

WNDR Dinner	5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Life Groups	6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Saturday 8/7/21

Before the Rooster Crows	8:45 a.m., E103
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**August 1, 2021
Sanctuary**

Please help us with contact tracing and attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

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Member _____ or Guest _____

Seating Location: (Please circle where you are sitting.)

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Back Left - Back Center - Back Right

Left Balcony - Center Balcony - Right Balcony

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